AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior listings.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A stabilizer bar assembly comprising:

a stabilizer bar; and

an anti-shift collar crimped to said stabilizer bar, said anti-shift collar comprising ~~an~~ a generally elliptical outer perimeter crimped at opposed locations to form opposed pinched areas which retain the anti-shift collar to said stabilizer bar.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said generally elliptical outer perimeter comprises a clipped end.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said anti-shift collar comprises a semi-circular inner perimeter.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein prior to being crimped, said anti-shift collar comprises a semi-circular inner perimeter portion with a first and a second polygonal inner perimeter portion.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 4, wherein said pinched areas are formed in said first and said second polygonal inner perimeter portions.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 5, wherein said anti-shift collar is crimped in four places to form said opposed pinched areas.

7. (ORIGINAL) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said anti-shift collar comprises a metallic material.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of mounting an anti-shift collar to a stabilizer bar comprising the steps of:

(1) sliding the anti-shift collar over the fully formed stabilizer bar to a desired location; and

(2) crimping the anti-shift collar at opposed locations to form opposed pinched areas which retain the anti-shift collar at the desired location.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein said step (2) further comprises crimping the anti-shift collar on an outer perimeter adjacent a first and a second polygonal inner perimeter portion.

10. (CANCELED)

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein said step (2) further comprises crimping the anti-shift collar on an outer perimeter adjacent a clipped end to form the clipped end into a pinched area which reduces a clearance between a semi-circular inner perimeter portion of the anti-shift collar and the stabilizer bar.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said anti-shift collar defines a generally annular member portion after being crimped to said stabilizer bar.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said pinched areas extend outward from said stabilizer bar.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said pinched areas extend outward generally along an axis transverse to said stabilizer bar.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said anti-shift collar defines a generally planar member prior and after being crimped to said stabilizer bar.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein said step (2) further comprises crimping an outer perimeter of the anti-shift collar into a pinched area which extends outward generally along an axis transverse to said stabilizer bar.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 8, further comprising the step of:

sliding the anti-shift collar onto an end of the fully formed stabilizer bar prior to said step (1).

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A stabilizer bar assembly comprising:

a stabilizer bar; and

an anti-shift collar having a semi-circular inner perimeter received around the stabilizer bar, said anti-shift collar having opposed pinched areas which retain the anti-shift collar to said stabilizer bar.

19. (CURRENTLYAMENDED) The ~~retainer~~ stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 18, wherein said anti-shift collar defines a generally planar member prior and after being crimped to a stabilizer bar.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The stabilizer bar assembly in claim 18, wherein said pinched areas are formed in part from an elliptical outer perimeter adjacent a clipped end of said anti-shift collar, said elliptical outer perimeter crimped toward a polygonal inner perimeter portion adjacent said semi-circular inner perimeter.

21. (CURRENTLYAMENDED) The ~~retainer~~ stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 18, wherein said pinched areas are formed in part from a polygonal portion adjacent said semi-circular inner perimeter.

22. (CURRENTLYAMENDED) The ~~retainer~~ stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 18, wherein said pinched areas extend outward generally along an axis transverse to said stabilizer bar.

23. (NEW) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said anti-shift collar is crimped to an outer surface of said stabilizer bar, said outer surface being substantially constant along a length of said stabilizer bar.

24. (NEW) The stabilizer bar assembly in claim 18, wherein said semi-circular inner perimeter of said anti-shift collar is crimped to an outer surface of said stabilizer bar, said outer surface substantially constant along a length of said stabilizer bar.

25. (NEW) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said anti-shift collar is crimped in a direction which does not pass through a central longitudinal axis of said stabilizer bar.

26. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein said step (2) further comprises crimping the anti-shift collar in a direction which does not pass through a central longitudinal axis of the stabilizer bar.